

## **Masseys Mill Pond**

30.4 acres  
Cheswold

The bass population of this pond has improved since it was acquired by the Division of Fish & Wildlife in 1996. Over 114 bass were collected per hour of electrofishing and the majority of the fish were legal size (12 inches) or above. An occasional fish over 5 pounds has also been taken. Bass growth remained just below average, but should improve as the food supply increases in Masseys Mill Pond.

Bluegill were the most abundant panfish but most were fairly small in 2003. The average size is likely to have improved since. Black crappie were more abundant here than any other Kent County pond. The size structure of crappie was good, with about one in 13 fish over 10 inches. Crappie also grew faster than average.

### **VEGETATION**

Spatterdock beds covered much of the upper part of the pond, but are much less abundant in the lower half. Some duckweed floated over the surface with the wind, but has not affected fishing. Occasionally a planktonic algae bloom gives a greenish color to the water.

### **SPECIAL CONDITION**

This pond does not have a boat ramp, but small boats and canoes often launch from the side of the road on County Road 148. The drop-off is close to shore so some care must be taken during launching and loading.

This pond will be surveyed again in 2008, so look for updated information then.



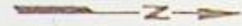
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### Legend

Water flow



Wetlands



400 ft

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| Pond acreage | 35.0   |
| Acre-feet    | 76.4   |
| Maximum dept | 6.0 ft |
| Mean depth   | 2.2 ft |

